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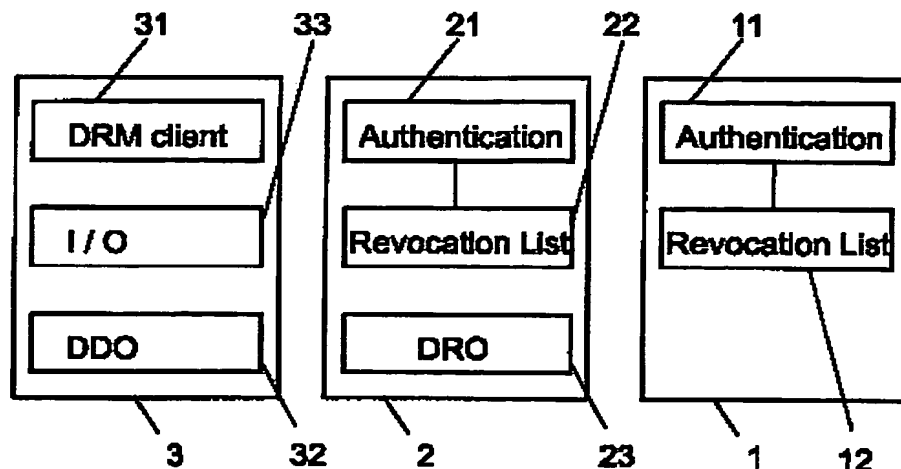
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a DRM user unit (2) for interacting with DRM client units (3) and DRM server units (1) of a DRM system, said DRM client units (3) storing digital data objects (DDO) and said DRM server units (1) issuing digital rights objects (DRO) representing usage rights of associated digital data objects, said DRM user unit (2) comprising an authentication unit (21) and a rights storage unit (22) for the storage of said digital rights objects. According to the invention the authentication of a DRM client (31) is relocated to the DRM user unit (2) that is possessed by an end user. This has the advantage that now a digital rights objects is a personal license that can be used with more than one playback device / playback system while guaranteeing that no illegal copies in any form can be made of the purchased content. A service provider may now implement his own specific software routines in the DRM user unit (2) to authenticate the DRM client (31) running on the DRM client unit (3) of the user.

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